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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the International application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims — | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims — | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims — | NO |

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents have been considered for the purposes of this Search Report:

- D1: EP 45977 A2
- D2: US 5436213 A
- D3: US 5166113 A
- D4: US 4725656 A
- D5: US 5227438 A

None of the above references D1 to D5, alone or in combination, disclose the present application, as claimed. Therefore, the subject-matter of present claims 1 to 9 is considered to be novel (Art. 33(2) PCT) and the subject-matter of present claims 1 to 22 is considered to involve an inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT) also.

The claimed application can be industrially applied undoubtedly.

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